



## Dear Catamount Families,

Thank you to all who were able to attend UVM Weekend—it was a joy to meet, chat, and hear about your and your students' first few weeks of the semester!

There's a lot happening across campus—students have hit the six-week mark, midterms have been taken, and the intensity of the college experience is increasing. What's normally a difficult time during the semester has been *especially* challenging for a number of our Catamounts. As you may have read in my email to parents and families last week, there has been an overwhelming level of vandalism and damage caused in our residential complexes.

This Wednesday, we're hosting a virtual community conversation for current families to address these incidents and discuss their impact. Join us over Teams Live from 7:00–8:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday, Oct. 26.

[Register](#)

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### Halloween Prep

Each year, we like to include a few reminders to families before Halloween that we're sharing with students this week:

- Keep an eye out for each other. It's safest to celebrate in a small group, but if you're in a large group, keep an eye on your friends to help them stay safe.
  - There are lots of ways to have fun without using substances; for ideas, check out [UVM Bored](#).
  - Remember that culture is not a costume. Costumes that perpetuate stereotypes about cultures are harmful and have no place in our community.
  - COVID loves a party and COVID transmission is on the rise at UVM and in Vermont. With indoor gatherings the main vehicle for spread, it's safest to keep events outdoors, keep the guest list small, and always use your face mask indoors.
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- Lastly, please remember your Burlington neighbors. Let's all do our part to make our on- and off-campus community one characterized by respect for each other.

As always, we truly appreciate your partnership in sharing these points with your students. If you have the chance, give them a call (or send a quick text) to remind them to stay safe while celebrating!

Warmly,  
Erica

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## CAMPUS UPDATES

### What's Happening in Dining

- Do you have a student with food allergies or food intolerances? Contact our registered dietitian at [Ania.Egan@uvm.edu](mailto:Ania.Egan@uvm.edu) with any questions or concerns you might have.
  - UVM Dining wants students to share their voices to make an impact on the future of their dining experience. Students will be invited to complete our satisfaction survey from October 25 through November 5. Upon completion, they'll be entered into a drawing to win one of ten 20-Retail Point prizes.
  - **Retail points** roll over from the fall to spring semester but will expire at the end of the academic year. Students can track their balance through the [Webcard Center](#) or at one of our cash registers. Students can [add Retail Points](#) at any time, and the balance of those points will roll over from year to year as long as the student is enrolled at UVM.
  - If your student wants to switch their meal plan for the spring semester, they can do so beginning October 31 through January 30. [Learn more](#) about All-Access, Flex, and Retail Point Plans.
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## Starting the search for off-campus housing

Last week, the Department of Residential Life and the Office of Student and Community Relations shared some helpful tips and resources to students who will complete their residency requirement in the spring 2023 semester. Click the link to learn more!

[Read the full email \(pdf\)](#) →

## UVM Eco Reps carpool

Are you wondering how to get your student home for Thanksgiving break? Or does your student have an open seat in their car? The UVM Eco-Reps have introduced a new [Carpool Ride Board](#) to help students connect with their peers. Click the link below and use the code  to join!

[Join on Microsoft Teams](#) →

Don't miss an update. Add or adjust your contact information through [UVM Foundation](#).

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